

club sports

'Club Sports Day' features Duck, OSU programs

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Saturday, May 20, will mark a first for the Oregon and Oregon State Club Sports programs. On that day, the first "Club Sports Day" will take place here in Eugene.

According to Oregon Club Sports Director Sandy Vaughn, competition will take place in at least four sports, and possibly five. The two women's soccer teams will play a match at Autzen Stadium at 10 a.m. to kick off the event. At 11 a.m., the rugby teams will meet each other on the intramural track infield, the water polo teams will face off in Leighton Pool and the two sailing teams will compete at Dexter Reservoir.

There is also a possibility the handball teams may play, but at this point that's a question mark, according to Vaughn.

After the competitions are held, all the teams will meet at Dexter for a picnic to finish off the first, and hopefully feels Vaughn, not the last Club Sports Day.

"I felt for OSU-UO relations it would be nice to initiate something other than football or basketball,"

Vaughn said. "I hope it becomes a tradition."

She originally got the idea from a seminar she attended at Oregon State involving recreational sports. Vaughn then turned the idea into a working plan. However, since she had to do much of the coordinating herself, Oregon State Club Sport officials were not too receptive to the idea at first.

"The program itself (Club Sports) is not a programming program," Vaughn informed. She said Club Sports has always lent individual clubs assistance, but for the most part the individual teams do the work on schedules, practices and equipment themselves.

It was because of Vaughn's efforts that the idea didn't catch on

immediately at Oregon State. Now, the tune has changed at OSU, Vaughn said.

The only drawback to the event is lack of different sports able to compete. But for the first-ever idea, it hasn't gone too badly, Vaughn added.

"They (the competing sports) were the only ones we could coordinate at this time," she said.

For this to become a reality in the future, Vaughn feels, it will be necessary for either herself or Oregon State's Club Sports director to get things coordinated.

"If we want to do this as a coordinated thing it would have to be up to myself or the coordinator of the Club Sports program up there to get it organized."



Photo by Dennis Hickok

Tracy Rockwell and his water polo teammates will have a chance to beat the Beavers once again this year, when Oregon and Oregon State get together for 'Club Sports Day.'

Turner and Bouton to join forces? Don't laugh, it might happen

By the Associated Press

It is only fitting Ted Turner and Jim Bouton look like they will be joining forces for another onslaught against baseball, the sport that is becoming more of a business and less of a game.

Turner and Bouton are modern day Peter Pans. They will never grow up, and the national pastime should be forever thankful for that.

Turner is the owner of the Atlanta Braves, and he is far from an absentee landlord. He plays cards with his players, jokes with them, and even managed them one day last year until commissioner Bowie Kuhn said an owner can buy a toy but he can't play with it.

Bouton is a former 20-game winner for the New York Yankees. He lost his fastball, switched to a moderately successful knuckleball and was finally considered washed up on 1970. He resurfaced as a successful television broadcaster and the author of the best-selling book *Ball Four*, a "Kiss and Tell" epic that was, most of all, fun. That's why the

baseball establishment hated it.

But Bouton wasn't happy in the inside world. He longed for the chance to compete, to contribute to a team, to return to the mound and throw knuckleballs that dipped by the batters while the crowd roared.

Bouton tried several comebacks in the minor leagues or semi-pro ball but never made it back to the major leagues. But his dreams, fueled by his recent mound experiences, have always been major league.

"You get spoiled by the thrills of baseball," Bouton said in 1975 after debuting with the Portland Mavericks of the Northwest League. "It's exciting to walk that tightrope. The other night I did. It felt like it always did. One false step and you fall. If you get to the other side — wow — you've done something."

Bouton's dreams moved closer to reality Wednesday night, when he pitched for the minor league Richmond Braves in an exhibition game against the parent club, At-

lanta. The 39-year-old right-hander struck out seven and gave up seven hits and one run in six innings.

Turner was impressed by Bouton's performance, and the energetic owner had a close-hand view of the action as the game's third-base umpire.

"He looked real good," Turner said by telephone from Richmond last Thursday morning.

"Yeah, we're gonna do something with him. I'm just the owner, but Bill Lucas director of player personnel and Bobby Cox the manager were there, and they were impressed, too."

"Our big league pitching staff is fairly solid now, but we want him to hang around and keep throwing. He's still got some work to do."

While chasing the dream, Bouton had been pitching batting practice for the Richmond club. "Only somebody like Ted Turner" could see the possibilities of a batting practice pitcher," Bouton said.



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